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TAX BILLS ARE IN THE MAIL ***San Diego County Residents Mailed more than 885,000 Bills***

Bart Hartman, Treasurer-Tax Collector, announced today that his office has completed mailing property tax bills for the 2002-03 tax year. More than 885,000 bills and statements have been mailed to San Diego County property owners, representing almost \$2.6 billion in revenue. These bills represent the largest single source of revenue to local governments, including schools, cities, fire districts, and the County.

Last year more than 15,000 bills were returned by the Post Office as undeliverable. Hartman reminds taxpayers that, according to state law, failure to receive a tax bill is not sufficient reason to forgive penalties.

"I want to ensure that all property owners receive their bills in a timely manner so they can plan this experience and avoid any costly penalties," said Hartman. "Anyone who has not already received their property tax bills should call our office at (619) 236-2424 to obtain a copy."

Taxpayers are also reminded that they can conduct business with the Treasurer-Tax Collector or the Assessor at any of our four branch offices located at 334 Via Vera Cruz, #150, behind "Restaurant Row" in San Marcos; 200 South Magnolia in El Cajon; 590 Third Avenue in Chula Vista; and in Kearny Mesa, 5473 Kearny Villa Road, 3rd Floor.

Additional information may be obtained from the Treasurer-Tax Collector's main office located in the County Administration Center at 1600 Pacific Highway in downtown San Diego, the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Web site at www.sdtreastax.com or by calling (619) 236-2424.

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